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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS PROGRAM - WALTER T. HAESLER

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. WALTER T. HAESLER, DIRECTOR OF THE SWISS PENITENTARY ASSOCIATION, WHO IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE U.S. MARCH 22 - APRIL 5 TOGETHER WITH TWO DOZEN SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD OF CRIMINOLOGY. THE GROUP WILL VISIT NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND PHOENIX AND HOPES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON POLICE, COURT AND PENAL ADMINISTRATION. NO ACTION REQUESTED ON GROUP'S VISIT.

2. DR. HAESLER ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN WORKING OUT FOR HIM PERSONALLY SEVERAL MEETINGS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY VISITORS PROGRAM. IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL BE MARCH 22 - 25, HE WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE FOR ONE EVENING THE NIGHT WORK IN A POLICE STATION, INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY CALLS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT TWO "TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILIES", ONE WHITE AND ONE BLACK. HE WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS EITHER IN NEW YORK (ON AN EVENING WHEN HE IS NOT AT THE POLICE STATION) OR IN SAN FRANCISCO THE EVENING OF MARCH 31. THE FAMILIES CHOSEN DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME PROFESSION AS DR. HAESLER (CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHO-ANALYSIS, CRIMINOLOGY) BUT SHOULD BE WITH INTERESTING, ARTICULATE PEOPLE OF BROAD BACKGROUND.

3. SINCE DR. HAESLER'S DEPARTURE WILL BE IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS, WE REQUEST EARLY REPLY INCLUDING NAME

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AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON HE SHOULD CONTACT IN

NEW YORK TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS.

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